

8 wherein at least some of the programs of the first subset are
9 different from the programs of the second subset, wherein at least
10 some of the programs of the second subset are different from the
11 programs of the first subset.

1 2. (Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising [the
2 step of]:

3 utilizing said first filter and [a] said second filter,
4 [with the second filter selecting a second subset of programs
5 according to another criteria,] to generate an electronic program
6 guide displaying programming including all of the programs included
7 in [either] said first [or second subsets] subset and all of the
8 programs included in said second subset.

1 3. (Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising [the
2 step of]:

3 utilizing said first filter and [a] said second filter,
4 wherein at least some of the programs of the first subset are the
5 same as at least some of the programs of the second subset, with
6 the second filter [selecting a second subset of programs according
7 to another criteria and] having a higher priority than said first
8 filter, to generate an electronic program guide displaying
9 programming including [only] programs included in both said first
10 and second subsets.

1 4. (Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the
2 step of:

3 creating a filter utilizing program/event entries in the
4 programming database.

Please add the following claims:

1 -- 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the first filter comprises
2 a list of program entries. --

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1 -- 6. The method of claim 5 wherein the set of program entries
2 corresponding to the list intersects the set of program entries
3 corresponding to program entries in the database of available
4 programming. --

1 -- 7. The method of claim 5 wherein the set of program entries
2 corresponding to the list is a proper subset of the set of program
3 entries corresponding to program entries in the database of
4 available programming. --

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1 -- 8. The method of claim 1 wherein a consumer device stores
2 the database and the first filter is input into the consumer device
3 from a source external to the consumer device. --

1 -- 9. A system for managing programming comprising:
2 a memory storing a database of available programming;
3 a memory storing a first filter having certain criteria;
4 a memory storing a second filter having different
5 criteria from the memory storing the first filter; and
6 a processor which selects a first subset of programs
7 according to the first filter and a second subset of programs
8 according to the second filter to generate an electronic program
9 guide displaying programming included in said first subset and said
10 second subset,
11 wherein at least some of the programs in the first subset are
12 different from the programs of the second subset, wherein at least

1 some of the programs in the second subset are different from the
2 programs of the first subset. --

1 -- 10. The system of claim 9 wherein the processor is further
2 configured to utilize said first filter and said second filter to
3 generate an electronic program guide displaying programming
4 including all of the programs included in said first subset and all
5 of the programs included in said second subset. --

1 -- 11. The system of claim 9 wherein the processor is further
2 configured to utilize said first filter and said second filter,
3 wherein at least some of the programs of the first filter are the
4 same as at least some of the programs of the second filter, with
5 the second filter having a higher priority than said first filter,
6 to generate an electronic program guide displaying programming
7 including programs included in both said first and second subsets.
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1 -- 12. The system of claim 9 wherein the process is further
2 configured to create a filter utilizing program/event entries in
3 the programming database. --

1 -- 13. The system of claim 9 wherein the first filter comprises
2 a list of program entries. --

1 -- 14. The system of claim 13 wherein the set of program entries
2 corresponding to the list intersects the set of program entries
3 corresponding to program entries in the database of available
4 programming. --

1 -- 15. The system of claim 14 wherein the set of program entries
2 corresponding to the list is a proper subset of the set of program

1 entries corresponding to program entries in the database of
2 available programming. --

1 -- 16. The system of claim 9 wherein a consumer device stores
2 the database and the first filter is input into the consumer device
3 from a source external to the consumer device. --

1 -- 17. A method for managing programming comprising:
2 storing a database of available programming;
3 displaying a user configuration screen having a plurality
4 of program/event sources, a first program filter and a second
5 program filter;

6 selecting at least one of the plurality of program/event
7 sources, the first program filter and the second program filter
8 from the user configuration screen;

9 filtering programs of the at least one of the plurality
10 of program/event sources utilizing the first program filter to
11 produce a first subset of programs according to some criteria;

12 filtering programs of the at least one of the plurality
13 of program/event sources utilizing the second program filter to
14 produce a second subset of programs according to another criteria;
15 and

16 generating an electronic program guide displaying
17 programming included in said first subset and said second subset;

18 wherein at least some of the programs of the first subset are
19 different from the programs of the second subset, wherein at least
20 some of the programs of the second subset are different from the
21 programs of the first subset. --

1 -- 18. The method of claim 17 wherein the electronic program
2 guide displays programming including all of the programs included

3 in said first subset and all of the programs included in said
4 second subset. --

1 -- 19. The method of claim 17 wherein the first subset of
2 programs produced by the first program filter is a first list of
3 programs, and the second subset of programs produced by the second
4 program filter is a second list of programs, wherein at least some
5 of the programs produced by the filters are the same, wherein the
6 first and second lists of programs are intersect, wherein the
7 electronic program guide displays programming consisting of
8 programs produced in both said first and second subsets. --

1 -- 20. An interactive filter selective mechanism of available
2 programming comprising:

3 a database of available programming;

4 a plurality of program/event sources;

5 a first program filter that filters the program/event
6 sources to produce a first subset of programs according to some
7 criteria;

8 a second program filter that filters at least one of the
9 program/event sources and the first subset of programs to produce
10 a second subset of programs according to another criteria;

11 a selection of programming sources including the
12 plurality of program/event sources, the first subset of programs,
13 and the second subset of programs;

14 a user configuration screen having a display of the
15 selection of programming sources, wherein a user selects at least
16 one of the plurality of program/event sources, the first program
17 filter and the second program filter from the user configuration
18 screen; and

19 an electronic program guide having a display of programs
20 included in said first subset and said second subset. --